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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/766,035	Applicant(s) KALEVO ET AL.	
	Examiner Y. Lee	Art Unit 2613	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-20,22-29,31-35 and 37-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 37-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,11,13-15,19,20,22-27,29,32,33 and 41-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10,12,16-18,28,31,34 and 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 13-15, 19, 20, 22-27, 29, 32, 33, 42-50, and 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kim et al (A Deblocking Filter with Two Separate Modes in Block-Based Video Coding) for the same reasons as set forth in Section 4 of the previous office action, dated 6/27/03.
4. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 13-15, 19, 20, 22-27, 29, 32, 33, 42-50, and 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (UK 2 329 090) for the same reasons as set forth in Section 5 of the last office action, dated 10/22/04.

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5. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 13-15, 19, 20, 22-27, 29, 32, 33, 42-50, and 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Itoh (6,608,865) for the same reasons as set forth in Section 6 of the last office action, dated 10/22/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

8. Claims 41 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al for the same reasons as set forth in Section 6 of the previous office action, dated 6/27/03.

9. Claims 41 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim for the same reasons as set forth in Section 6 of the previous office action, dated 6/27/03.

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10. Claims 41 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Itoh for the same reasons as set forth in Section 6 of the previous office action, dated 6/27/03.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 4/25/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant asserts on pages 2-3 of the Remarks that Kim fails to disclose a filtering operation that is dependent on an encoding method. Figure 4 of Kim, however, illustrates the concept of such deblocking filtering of the boundary (411-412) that is dependent at least in part on an encoding method used (405, 406, 408-410).

12. In response to applicant's argument on pages 4-5 and 7 of the Remarks that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., INTRA, COPY, CODED and NOT-CODED) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). More importantly, it is noted applicant's argument on the features of Table 1 have already been indicated as allowable subject matters in claims 12 and 31.

With respect to applicant's argument on page 6 of the Remarks, the same response as presented above also applies to the Kim et al article. That is, the operation depends on the blocking artifacts arose from the encoding method used during motion compensation.

Applicant also asserts on pages 9-10 of the Remarks that Itoh fails to disclose a method for reducing visual artifacts. However, column 5 of Itoh discloses the concept of such filtering of image deteriorations according to boundary types based on the selected encoding method.

Applicant further asserts on page 10 of the Remarks that Itoh fails to disclose block boundaries. However, Figure 4 of Itoh illustrates the concept of such common horizontal (Type A) and vertical (Type B) block boundaries.

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 10, 12, 16-18, 28, 31, 34, and 35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

14. Claims 37-40 are allowed for the same reasons as set forth in Section 7 of the previous office action, dated 6/27/03.

15. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Conclusion

16. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not


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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7334. The examiner can normally be reached on (571) 272-7334.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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